

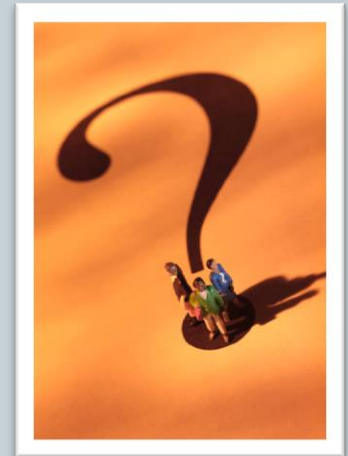
Certification in Special Education



Why Should We Change Special Education Certification in Arizona?



- The term “mental retardation” is still used
- Is currently based on disability category and not on level of severity
- Is not in alignment with nationwide trend
- Needs more rigor and clearer delineation of required coursework



Stakeholder Group Meetings

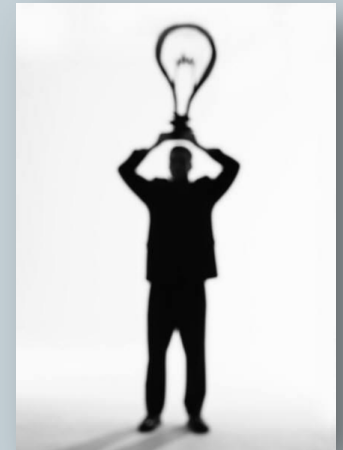


1. September 24, 2012

1. ID across the spectrum

2. January 31, 2013

1. Level of severity (2 certificates)
2. Specializations in LD, ED, autism, intellectual disability
3. More rigor overall
4. Outcomes:
 1. Higher reciprocity and easier to hire
 2. Better-prepared teachers



Moving Forward



- Next meeting is March 4, 2013
- Survey will be sent to all special education teachers
- Survey will be sent to special education directors before presenting to CAC
- Current certification holders are grandfathered in



Repeals and Moratoriums



- **Repeal school psychologist interim certificate**
 - Effective January 9, 2013, only one individual holds a certificate (issued on November 21, 2012)
- **Moratorium on Other Health Impairment**
 - 145 individuals hold the OI/OHI certificate in addition to either a teaching certificate or a professional non-teaching certificate
 - Effective January 9, 2013, four individuals ONLY hold the OHI certificate

Questions?

